

Appln No. 10/002,703

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is in response to the Office action mailed on November 4, 2003. Claims 1 - 94 were filed with the application. Claims 1-10 and 28-32 are now elected for examination in this application.

The Action requires an election of claims from one of two groups of claims, Group I, claims 1-32 and Group II, claims 33-94. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-32. Claims 33-94 are withdrawn from consideration without prejudice as to filing a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

Also, the action indicates that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. The action further requires an election of a disclosed species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Also, the action states that it is not clear which claim is generic.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicant elects the embodiment relating to the control process or system shown in FIG. 7. As such, claims 1-10 and 28-32, readable thereon, are elected. Additionally, Applicant submits that claim 1, for example, is generic, and if claim 1 is found to be allowable, then rejoinder and allowance of non-elected claims dependent therefrom may be appropriate.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's

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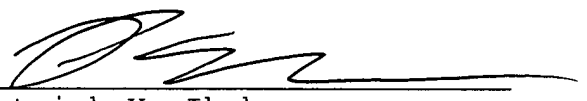
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attorney might expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to call at the telephone number indicated below.

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